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FOLLOWING ARE ONE EXCERPT FROM AND CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS OF
COLEMAN MCCARTY ARTICLE IN WASHPOST AUGUST 7 ENTITLED
"GOVERNMENTS THAT RULE BY VIOLENCE," ON REPORTS BY AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL AND INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY CON-
CERNING TORTURE AND ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN MILITARY
REGIMES SUPPORTED BY U.S.:

". . . THE PRESSURE RAISED BY SUCH GROUPS AS AMNESTY INTER-
NATIONAL AND THE INSTITUTE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN FELT BY HENRY
KISSINGER. HIS JUNE 8 STATEMENT IN SANTIAGO ON HUMAN RIGHTS
CONTAINS FORCEFUL PHRASES THAT COULD HAVE BEEN RUN OFF ON
THE MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE IN THE LOCAL AMNESTY OFFICE. . .

"FOR NOW, THE KISSINGER STATEMENT IN CHILE IS A BREAK FROM
THE USUAL PASSIVITY SHOWN BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TOWARD
GOVERNMENT LAWLESSNESS ABROAD. IN RECENT YEARS, AMERICA
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HAS COME TO BE LOATHED THROUGHOUT MUCH OF THE WORLD. OUR

MILITARY AID TO DICTATORS AND JUNTAS HAS NOT BEEN USED MERELY FOR SECURITY AGAINST OUTSIDE ENEMIES BUT AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF A GIVEN COUNTRY ITSELF, THOSE WE ARE ALLEGEDLY TRYING TO PROTECT BUT WHO DISSENT FROM THE OFFICIAL VIEW. MANY FOREIGNERS, FAMILIAR WITH AMERICAN HISTORY AND ITS ORIGINS IN DISSENT, ONCE LOOKED TO AMERICA FOR HELP. BUT NOW WE ARE PERCEIVED AS BEING ALLIES OF WHATEVER BULLY CAN TAKE POWER, FROM SOUTH KOREA TO THE PHILIPPINES TO IRAN.

"AS POSITIVE AS THE KISSINGER STATEMENT MAY BE, IT IS STILL ONLY A STATEMENT. SOME INDICATIONS OF MORAL PRESSURE BACK-ING IT UP MUST QUICKLY COME FORWARD, OTHERWISE THE WORK OF SUCH GROUPS AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY WILL BE THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. THEY CAN BE DISMISSED AS ZEALOTS OR ROMANTICS WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND THE INTRACACIES OF FOREIGN POLICY AS DO THE EXPERTS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR PENTAGON. BUT EXPERTS AREN'T NEEDED TO UNDERSTAND THAT DEATH LISTS, KIDNAPPINGS, TORTURE AND IMPRISONMENTS ARE WAYS OF GOVERNING THAT MOCK THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY OF LAW. THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE DEMANDING THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT NO LONGER LOOK THE OTHER WAY AS THE PINOCHETS AND PARK CHUNG HEES CROWD THEIR PRISONS WITH THE INNOCENT."

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